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## BRIEFS

**Discount Drugs:** In an effort to help trim the rising cost of health care, the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee approved legislation that would enable customers to take advantage of discount and rebate offers on prescription drugs. Sponsored by Assemblyman Neil A. Cohen (D-Lenox), it is designed to foster competition among pharmaceutical firms that will benefit all consumers. The measure now moves to the full Assembly for additional consideration. — TRENTON

**Scammers Shut Down:** As part of The Division of Consumer Affairs continuing effort to shut down fraudulent 900 number operations, two New Jersey companies have agreed to stop offering cash and prizes in return for calling a 900 number and have agreed to give refunds to consumers. Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne said that this is just part of the aggressive investigation into 900-number scammers. The companies who will shut down although did not admit any wrongdoing are Paramount Promotions Inc. and Universal Promotions, Inc. — TRENTON

**To Save the Good Earth:** Legislation establishing a permanent source of revenue to fund projects that protect, clean, and preserve New Jersey's natural resources was recently approved by the Assembly Energy and Environment Committee. The legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Bob Smith (D-Middlesex/Union) and Thomas Duch (D-Bergen) would create a non-lapsing Environmental Trust fund. "We simply cannot continue a blind faith in Mother Nature," Smith said. — TRENTON

## Peace on Earth Good will toward...

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

As we near the end of this turbulent year, the contradictions continue to mount. Most people will be talking and singing about "goodwill to all men, all people." But where is the goodwill being shown to the plight of the Haitian people? What about the thousands of homeless men, women and children who roam the mean streets of many of our nation's cities and towns?

People are trying to feign amnesia when it comes to the Haitian refugee situation. It's almost as if folks want to make Haiti disappear off the map, along with its people. All the rhetoric about defending freedom and democracy in the world has gone out the window, because with very few exceptions, the so-called democracies around the world have remained silent on this issue.

The democratically elected government of President Jean Bertrand Aristide was overthrown by a military junta, the Haitian people subjected to continued repression, leading many to flee for their lives. Seeking haven in what they have been falsely led to believe was the land of opportunity opens its doors to all people, they dared risk their lives crossing waters that have historically claimed the bodies of African people. They still do, and just like before, people somehow still refuse to acknowledge the suffering of the black men, women, and children who beg for mercy.

## McDonald's spreads holiday cheer

by Olivia Gonzales

PATERSON—McDonald's is more than just flipping hamburgers, especially to three Paterson McDonald's Owner/Operators who believe it's about people.

Jim Henderson (formerly of the Plainfield Front St. McDonald's), Aaron Harris, and a representative of the partnership of Looce & Lentini travelled with Ronald McDonald through two area hospitals spreading smiles to patients — young and old.

Ronald's Paterson visit began early in the afternoon of December 6th at St. Joseph's Medical Center with the help of Ramona Guzman, the St. Joseph's volunteer who coordinated it for her hospital and Marilyn Cuevas, the unit manager who directed the tour.

of Ronald's big red hair-do and oversized shoes.

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Standing, Left to right: Jim Henderson, Olivia Gonzales, Pat Parsells, proud parents of baby in foreground with Ronald McDonald and Aaron Harris.

## A holiday poem... I ask for peace

Peace on earth, is quite a familiar tune.  
The problem is when people forget the words by June  
Let it be that man lay down his sword  
And prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Not just at Christmas, this merry season  
For to be good at heart, you need not a reason  
But, what can I do may be the question in mind  
You'd surprise yourself if you'd just be kind  
Let the goodness flow from within your heart  
And you will see there's no better place to start  
There would be no crime and desperation,  
No sickening wars, no mass starvation  
There would be no blood, no sweat and no tears,  
All men could rest for they'd have no fears  
So remember these words for whatever they're worth  
Everyone must contribute if we're to have  
PEACE ON EARTH.

by Sheila Green

## Power company honors its employee-volunteers

NEWARK — PSE&G announced a program of support of volunteer work by members of the African American mass commu-

nications media on December 12. Presently, PSE&G is involved in a number of programs helping alleviate many of the needs among the minority population in the area served by the energy company. The main source of contribution comes through non-compensated work given voluntarily by several PSE&G employees whose involvement was honored during the event. They are: Elizabeth Flood, presidential "Volunteer Action Award" recipient for 1990 and also, Rosemary Jefferson, founder of CINDY (Children in Need of Donations from You). Others honored during the reception were: Barbara Stewart, auditing clerk; Dewey Lyons, manager, distribution services; Michael Camp, manager, (Continued on page 6)

## Heartbeat of the City 'Tis the season to be jolly?

NEWARK — It's the busiest time of the year. Houses are covered with lights and decorated with Christmas trees; children anxiously await the arrival of jolly Mr. St. Nick; while millions of people raid shopping malls buying gifts for their loved ones. This joyous time of year is Christmas. While most will be caught up in holiday bliss, many will be forgotten.

During the past year, Americans have been held captive by a life-threatening foe: the declining economy. As the recession continues to rage through our society, many hard-working people are losing their jobs. Too often the headlines read, "Thousands Lose Jobs as a Result Of Company Cutbacks." Many of

these people have no idea how they will survive and will not be able to experience the joy of Christmas — simply because they have no way to provide for their families or exchange gifts in the usual holiday fashion.

In the midst of this cheerful season, there is also a grim reality and one day a family, we call them the Bryants, came face to face with this horrible reality — unemployment.

The Bryants were a typical middle class couple. They lived in a modest home and worked right up until they were both laid-off from their jobs.

Since the time of their job loss, the Bryants filed for unemployment benefits. After exhausting funds from their unem-

ployment, the Bryants applied for an extension.

It was two months before they received their first check. And by that time, their bills had increased and they were seriously in debt. Along with all of their other bills, the Bryants had two mortgages on their house, they were faced with a decision to pay for such necessities as food and heat or to pay their mortgages in order to keep a roof over their heads.

After considering their options, they decided to pay their mortgages.

Before seeking outside assistance, the Bryants appealed to family and friends to help them through their crisis, but due to the

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## Robinson goes GOP

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — As veteran councilman, Earl Robinson was saying his farewell's to the end of his council service, and hello to the Republican Party.

Monday evening, December 16, Robinson signed a party affiliation declaration changing from independent to Republican. Robinson cited his disillusionment with the local Democratic Party as his reason for the change. "My main interest is the City, that it keeps moving forward, to make life better for the taxpayers," he said that he will continue to be involved in politics.

Robinson ran as an independent this past November's race for the 1st and 4th ward council seat, which he lost to Councilwoman Faheemah El-Amin. Prior to that he was a Democrat.

Robinson also cited that the Democrats' handling of the 1991 transitional budget and the current budget, that has not yet been passed, made him believe that leadership was lacking in the party.

## 1991 Lou Rawls Parade of Stars telethon breaks new ground

LOS ANGELES — After more than a decade of success and innovation, the 1991 "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon will once again break new ground on Saturday, Dec. 28, when the star-studded special is broadcast across the nation to benefit the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

For the first time in its 12-year history, portions of the "Parade of Stars" will originate from the historic Apollo Theatre in Harlem, the landmark venue that served as a springboard for many black entertainers.

Also on the list of "firsts" for this year's show, which is approaching revenues of nearly \$50 million in cash and pledges, is the telethon debut of many new and talented artists. "Color Me Badd," Delta Adams, "Boyz II Men," Tara Kemp and Keith Washington are among the hot new talent who will appear on the seven-hour special.

Jackie, the vivacious and sul-



Among the guests to appear in Lou Rawls' Parade of Stars are Boys To Men vocal group

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## Visual Arts 91 winners



Winning artists in Union County's "Visual Arts 91" are shown sponsored by the Board of Freeholders and Merck & Co. are congratulated by Merck's Manager of Public Affairs, John M. Bloomfield. (l-r) including La Thorcia Badenhausen of Summit; Myrtle S. Plerson of Elizabeth; Christine DeBello of Rahway; and J.R. Bell of Plainfield. Winners not shown were Jane A. George and Nancy Col. both of Summit.

## James joins BNB in the giving



Newark Mayor Sharpe James (l) joined Donald M. Karp, (c) Chairman of Broad National Bank, and Paul McGrath, vice president of City Fire Equipment, as the helped decorate "The Wish Tree" at BNB's main office. Customers of the bank are invited to purchase an ornament, with the proceeds to be used to renovate a play area at Belford Nursery for the benefit of children infected with HIV or suffering from AIDS.

## CITY PEOPLE

### UMDNJ breaks ground on Academic Center



University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) officials, state dignitaries, and members of the UMDNJ community liaison council celebrated recently during ground breaking ceremonies at the UMDNJ School of Osteopathic Medicine, in Stratford for a \$25 million Academic Center and laboratory addition to the medical school. Shown are (l-r): Elbert J. Filigen, State Senator Walter Rando; UMDNJ President, Dr. Stanley S. Burgen, Jr.; Charles C. Carvill, UMDNJ Board of Trustees Chairman; Dr. Frederick J. Humphrey, Jr., dean of the school; Warren Bylles, Mrs. Gail Brooks; and Robert Lopez-Layton. Filigen and Bylles are members of the Community Liaison Council. Lopez-Layton is the medical school's director of minority affairs, and Mr. Brooks is council president.



(from l to r) Marie Ziegler of The Support Center of New Jersey, Gerald Callahan of New Jersey Bank, William Brooks of Prudential Insurance Company, Lydia Barnett of Victoria Foundation, and Peter Barnes of First Fidelity discuss their participation in Support Center's "Talking to Fund-ers" workshop. They offered their advice on the grant seeking process to sixty nonprofit leaders at the December 11 program at P.-AG in Newark.

## Coping

by **Dr. Charles W. Faulker**

### Be careful (and happy) this Christmas

There is more than one way to save your life during this Christmas season. You probably won't die in a horrible automobile accident. But there are many other dangers out there, just waiting for you. For one thing, merchants are doing everything that they can to convince (trick?) you into buying an expensive item that you don't need or you can't afford. The nice Christmas music that you hear in every store, even at fast food restaurants, is making you sad and sentimental, so that you will want to buy Christmas presents for everyone—even your enemies. If you fall for this manipulation, you might be in serious debt (unnecessary debt?) for months or years to come. This is the cause of major depression, after Christmas, for millions of Americans.

Here are a few tips:

1. Set spending limits. Don't buy what you cannot afford. Remember, you will have to live long after Christmas is over.
2. Wait until after Christmas to buy presents. There will be many sales.
3. Instead of spending a fortune in postage and Christmas cards, use the telephone to wish many of your friends happy holidays.
4. If the Christmas music makes you sad, avoid it. Or, listen to different kinds of music during the holidays. If you use this beautiful music, now, as an emotional crutch to keep your spirits up, what will you use after Christmas, when the music stops?

5. Remember that many television commercials, especially on Saturday mornings, are intended to brainwash little children so that they will drive you crazy until you buy the advertised item. The commercials are not aimed at you, they are aimed at your impressionable kids. Why not buy them presents that will improve their intelligence and that they will find interesting enough to play with long after Christmas. Many such gifts are inexpensive.

6. Are you overweight? If so, this is the perfect time to change your eating habits, so that you can go into the new year lighter in weight, not heavier. "This is Christmas so I have to eat everything!" What a silly thing for an adult to say. If you are serious about losing weight, you'll start doing it now, by adopting a healthy, well-balanced diet and avoiding those fattening foods. Get counseling, if you need it to help you fight holiday blues or holiday hunger.

7. Don't drink too much and don't drink and drive.

8. Tell your children the truth about Christmas—and about Santa Claus. If you do not want them to grow up and believe in ghosts and superstitions; and, to have fears and phobias, you should tell them that Santa Claus is actually my fairy tale. You should not lie to your children. Tell them the truth.

9. Now, have Happy Holidays!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

**NEWARK**—"Visions of the Built Environment" will be on display at the Newark Public Library through to January 6, 1992. For more information call 201-733-7793.

**PATERSON**—The Office of Community Relations in association with the Paterson Free Public Library, will present the 2nd Annual City-wide Kwanzaa Celebration at the Paterson YWCA on Carroll Street. The program will run through to January 1, 1992 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information call Nancy Grier at 201-881-6930.

**EAST HANOVER**—An exhibit of original advertising art and other promotional items from the 19th and 20th centuries will be on display at the Nabisco Gallery through to January 6. The gallery is at the corner of River Road and DeForest Avenue and is open from noon to 4 p.m. each day.

**NEWARK**—A Kwanzaa Unity Fest will take place at St. Rocco's School located at 21 Ashland Street from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for the African Holocaust Memorial project. For more information call 201-733-9810.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

**PLAINFIELD**—Bingo will be held at St. Bernard's Church located at 368 Sumner Avenue. For more information call 908-756-3393.

**NEWARK**—"Winter Festival, Tibet," the Annual Junior Museum Winter Festival for Children will take place at the Newark Museum. For more information call 201-596-6550.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1992

**EAST ORANGE**—An exhibition on the works of Manza K. Muesha, photographer, will be held at the East Orange Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. in the East Orange Room. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month.

of January. For more information call 201-296-5600.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1992

**WESTFIELD**—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives will meet at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road. For more information call 908-233-8757.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992

**PLAINFIELD**—The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 325 Watchung Avenue.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992

**NEW YORK CITY**—Patience Wales, editor of Sale Magazine will be the guest speaker during "An Evening with Women Who Sell." The event, sponsored by the National Women's Advisory Board, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Yorker Club located at 123 West 43rd Street (between Broadway and 6th). For more information call Holly Fisher at 800-221-4326.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey State Bar Association will present a free public seminar on Local Government Law from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitutional Square. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 209.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1992

**CRAWFORD**—The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs will present "The Visible Arts: Building Recognition for Arts Organizations," at Union County College's Crawford campus. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 908-558-2550.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

**SUMMIT**—Surroundings: Elements of Landscape by NJ Artists will be on display until February 23 at the Palmer Gallery, NJ Center for Visual Arts at 88

Elm Street. For more information call 908-273-9121.

**TRENTON**—The state of New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will hold its Seventh Annual Commemorative Service honoring Dr. King's 63rd birthday at the War Memorial on West Lafayette Street at 2 p.m. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker of Canaan Baptist Church of New York City is the featured guest speaker. For more information call 201-648-4911.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1992

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will conduct a free seminar on Wills and Estate Planning at the NJ Law Center, One Constitutional Square from 7:30 p.m. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 209.

**NEWARK**—African American Thinking: History, Politics, and Art, A collaborative exhibition between the Newark Public Library and Aljira will take place through to February 28 at the library located at 5 Washington Street. Featured will be historical papers from the New Jersey Division, material illuminating the politics of Malcolm X, and artworks from Aljira. For more information call 201-733-5643.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1992

**TEANECK**—"West African Cultural Renaissance in NJ During the 18th Century" is the topic of the discussion to be given by Clement Price, Associate Professor at Rutgers University. The discussion will take place at Fairleigh Dickinson University Muscarelle Hall, 1000 River Road. For more information call 201-637-9003.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1992

**NEWARK**—African American Songs and Stories with Theresa Folkes Blair performing traditional and original African and New World stories and songs will be featured at Newark Public Library at 2 p.m. Call 201-733-7797.

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## Personals

**DBM**, 49, employed, educated, honest, seeks SDF, 35-45, shapely, plump, under 5'6". P.O. Box 834, Irvington, NJ 07111.

Businessman seeks attractive models for private figure photo sessions. Picture phone number to Key West, P.O. Box 7162, Watchung, NJ 07060.

**SBF**, 43 seeks serious companion 39-50. I'm a balcony chomper with a red umbrella. Let's trip the dip! fantastic! P.O. Box 20151, Newark, NJ 07101-6151.

**SBF**, 42, mother with male child seeks serious individual, 39-50, who loves music, books, and children. See you in my dreams. P.O. Box 20151, Newark, NJ 07101.

Full-figured, female companion desired by SBF. Reply to P.O. Box 1658, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Include phone number.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### The gift is in the giving

Eight individuals exemplifying the importance of giving were honored and recognized December 20 as City News and Anheuser-Busch hosted the Eagle Awards Ceremony in Newark.

A reception where people from all walks of life were saluted for "daring to speak" really tells you whose the holiday season is all about. The gift is in the giving and anyone who knows or knows of Kitty Taylor, Ed Long, Sgt. John, Leonard Coleman, Harold Brown, Althea and Bill Giles, and John J. Hamilton Jr., knows just what that saying means.

These people are no different from anyone else — they eat everyday, go to work, and play just like everyone else. They give because they want to, not out of obligation or because they think it will place them in the spotlight. They care, they love, and they willingly and happily give.

This is the season for giving. This is the season when we all should gather with our loved ones and credit our blessings. Even in rough times, we still have things to be thankful for.

And, while we're celebrating, we should think about the importance of kindness or saying thank you, or those three special words. Giving costs so little but the rewards are immense. Can you imagine how Ed Long or Harold Brown feels when they hear a student reading for the first time, or how wonderful it must feel to see a young woman make the dream of a college education become a reality because of UNCF money raised by the Giles? Or how about one more young person doing just what you've been asked to do from Sergeant Young?

Giving of ourselves is one of the most important and significant things we all can do. Let's join in the spirit of the season and revel in the satisfaction of knowing that we have made a difference in someone's life.

### Letters to the Editor...

#### Next time, some Democratic chestnuts may have to burn

Dear Editor:

During the past twenty years, black people have constituted just about the most loyal bloc of voters within the Democratic Party. Our pattern of political fidelity can be verified by statistics on the national and local levels. To employ one of my grandmother's much-used metaphors, our votes on more than one or two occasions have pulled or tried to pull Democratic chestnuts from the political fire.

During Presidential campaigns that most Democrats would prefer to forget—those of George McGovern in 1972, Jimmy Carter in 1980, Walter Mondale in 1984, and Michael Dukakis in 1988—black voters loyally hoisted the Democratic standard in all four losing efforts. Black votes also played an important role in the only Democratic Presidential victory during these two decades, that of Jimmy Carter in 1976.

Significantly, in all five of these contests, working class white voters stayed from the Democratic Party in record numbers to support Republican candidates. While physical flight to the suburbs of the fifties and sixties was apparently followed by that group's ideological flight to political conservatism in the seventies and eighties.

And although my memory of the above stems from the involvement as a Democratic, including two terms as Jersey City's Regular Democratic Organization

chairman, many vivid recollections are of two local campaigns and one statewide contest, in all of which black votes proved crucial. In one, the votes of Jersey City's predominantly black Bergen-Lafayette Ward helped snatch victory from the jaws of defeat for then Congressman Joseph LaFente in November 1976. And more black votes of New Jersey's urban centers to Senator Bill Bradley's narrow reelection victory last year.

But, in none of the foregoing examples can the role of the black vote be more dramatically or indelibly documented than in last November's razor-thin victory of Democratic incumbent Assemblyman Joseph Charles and Joseph Doris and Senator Edward O'Connor in Hudson's 31st District where I reside. A review of that election's total turnout in a district-by-district tabulation reveals that the vote in black areas of District 31 actually averted a resounding defeat for Charles, Doris, and O'Connor. In fact, the trio lost badly in Bayonne, and it was only the 5 and 1 Democratic margins in Bergen-Lafayette and black areas of Wards A and B that saved the day for them.

So, what is my point in offering this quick course in contemporary black political history? It's simply that to me, the time is way overdue in Jersey City for black political leaders to take

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### Quote of the Week

Peace on Earth and goodwill towards man.

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by Connie Woodruff

It may be the season to be jolly but for Newark City Hall employees who got a pink slip along with the annual Christmas greetings, the response to "Merry Christmas is Bah! Humbug!"

Come January, more than 300 city employees will be looking around for jobs and everybody knows the middle of winter and the post-holiday period is the most undesirable time of year to find new employment.

In City Hall last week the doom and gloom was everywhere as workers facing the unemployment rate complained bitterly about the pre-holiday junker. Mayor James and most, if not all city councilmen enjoyed as delegates to the national League of Cities convention in warm, sunny, fun-filled Las Vegas.

Mayor James came home happily wearing his new mazel of recognition and leadership. He was victorious in his bid for the

second vice presidency of the National League of Cities, James is the first NJ elected official to accomplish this feat in almost 60 years, proving again when he wants to play hard ball politics, he's a pro with the kind of pizzazz that makes political victories a piece of cake.

Meantime, would-be opponents of the mayor were also not sleeping at the switch while he was charming the Las Vegas crowd.

According to reliable sources, some James detractors were holding "secret" caucus to get support for a yet unnamed opponent to challenge him in 1994, the year he will automatically move up to the presidency of the League of Cities.

If Santa was a Scrooge at City Hall, he must have saved his goodies for some of the Newark Housing Authority workers.

### Commentary...

#### MetroWest CRC takes stand on Haitian Refugee policy

The Committee Relations Committee (CRC) of the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest, chaired by Ted Eisenberg of North Caldwell, has issued the following statement on US Haitian Refugee Policy.

The mounting wave of refugees, nearing 10,000 since early October, is clear testimony to the deterioration in conditions that have taken place in Haiti. The large number of refugees since the coup and the extreme risks undertaken to escape is evidence that fear for life and limb, rather than economic pressures, is driving this movement.

The United States has been a world leader in welcoming political refugees and demanding international assistance and a meaningful response to the conditions giving rise to the refugees. We are justifiably proud of the Refugee Act as it expresses our highest national ethic.

We are, therefore, troubled by

the apparent decision of the government of the United States to seek the forced repatriation of Haitians. Individuals who have risked their lives to flee tyranny should not be forced to return to the Jewish people remember all too well their forced repatriation to Nazi Germany and the extermination that awaited them when all nations closed their doors to our pleas for asylum. There is little reason to believe that those forced to return to Haiti will receive anything but prison, torture, and possible execution at the hands of the military junta.

We call on our government to permit the Haitians to apply for asylum as other refugees to the United States. We urge that all forced deportations cease, and that American policy towards Haitians give full consideration to the oppressive and fearful conditions that are causing thousands to flee at this time.

## Peace on Earth

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whatever forms of protest we could use to muster support on this problem. The President of the United States has not had to worry about the fallout from the African American, or Caribbean community, so he has basically ignored the problem. Could you imagine what the White House switch board would look like, if

Bush turned his back on a boat of refugees coming from Rwanda and they were left to a certain death by casting them back out to sea?

It's a sad and ugly truth. Just like it's a grim reality that the ranks of the homeless in this country continue to grow and grow with every passing day. The

majority of those homeless people are women and children, who enjoy no peace on earth. While this problem has been virtually ignored by the Bush administration, there are more homeless families now, than ever before. It has reached a crisis point, and still there is no leadership, no plan to deal with this situation.

Being homeless has become a crime in many cities. If you happen to try to find shelter in a place like Tompkins Park in New York, you are likely to get beaten up and brutalized by the police. Yes, I know, people are complaining about having to walk over people lying in the streets, but should money go into arresting homeless people, and jamming up the courts with these

cases? (Imagine being guilty of being unfortunate enough not to be able to afford food, clothing, and shelter?)

Wouldn't resources be better spent on finding affordable housing, or rehabilitating abandoned property? Isn't it better to use money to train or retrain individuals, so they can become employable? Should we look down on people who are suffering through some hard times? Where is our compassion? Our moral outrage?

During this season of giving, we need to become more reflective, and really think about what we are doing to promote and uphold these ideas throughout the year. There can be no peace on earth, or joy until we do.

Dr. Daniel Blue will continue to be a national figure in housing as the second in command for the Chicago Housing Authority and it is not surprising that several of his closest confidants in Newark are standing by hoping they will be picked to work with him in the Windy City.

As of this writing, the five out of six most recent resignees are hopefully waiting for the invitation to move. And within the past two weeks at least three top administrative assistants went to Chicago to do some apartment shopping.

It was a sad reunion for former East Orange Mayor Bill Hart and his wife, Gloria when they returned to New Jersey to bury their daughter Cheryl two weeks ago.

Cheryl lived in New York but her services were held at Faith Temple Free Will Baptist Church in East Orange and attended by an outpouring of community folk. In addition to her parents, she leaves to mourn her loss, sisters Linda V. Norwood and June Hart, both of East Orange and brothers, William S. Hart, Jr., Hillside and Robert F. of Yeadon, Pa.

Santa Claus was also the bearer of bad tidings for Bernard Dickens, Sr., the beleaguered president of United Hospitals Medical Center in Newark.

After months of wrangling between Dickens, who was hired in 1989, this week the Board of Trustees voted to oust Mr. Dickens by a 12 to 4 secret ballot. His present contract was scheduled to expire in May but according to insiders, a majority of board members who voted not to renew his contract because of "marginal performance" prefers him to move on and out prior to that time.

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According to United Hospital watchers, Dickens found it difficult to establish liaisons with community folk. There are no Newark residents on the hospital board. He made rare visits to neighborhood groups and local functions but was not really well known among Newark's political and non-political movers and shakers.

Without the insulation of potential community pressure in his behalf, Mr. Dickens was literally a sitting duck for any kind of move to oust him. He is the only black in the state heading an acute care hospital.

When he began having trouble with the Med Center board chairman, Bernard Rabinowitz, an ad hoc "community" group was organized in a hurry to join in the effort to save Dickens' job.

The focal point became the absence of Newarkers on the board although there were several black residents from the nearby suburbs. The Rev. Michael Sykes headed the ad hoc committee that demonstrated in behalf of Newark board representation and at one point picked Rabinowitz's home in Nautilus in support of Dickens and the issue of community representation on the board.

It is de ja vu for United Hospitals and the community. They've been down this route before and that's how the former president, Dr. James "Buddy" Cowan won the position. At one time there was also a citizen's advisory committee that was responsible for reaching out for community input in hospital staffing of personnel from doctors to janitors.

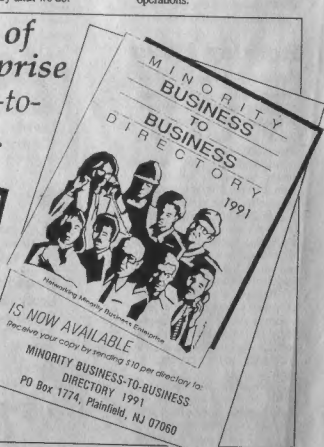
Richard Roper, chairman of the board's personnel committee said the board will resurrect the concept of advisory council and will contact community leaders and elected officials for recommendations for the appointment of additional members to the 19-member board. Presumably the three new members will be black unless Latino leaders join the fray and demand Hispanic representation also.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## High-tech hits Plainfield schools

PLAINFIELD — There will be a system-wide Science Fair and Invention Convention in each of the eleven elementary schools of the Plainfield Public School system. The Science Fairs and Invention Conventions will run during the weeks of January 3rd, to January 23rd. This will include all grade levels (Kindergarten through grade 6). First, second and third place prizes will be awarded at each grade level at each school. Judging will be done those weeks by Science Representatives from Belknap in Piscataway. First place winners will display their science projects and inventions at the 5th annual district-wide Science Fair on January 24, 1992 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Plainfield High School Gymnasium (K-6). At the same time, the Middle Schools and High Schools projects of science will be judged in the Plainfield High School Cafeteria.

All Parents are invited to the Elementary Schools during the week of January 3rd to 23rd to see science projects and inventions. Parents and the Plainfield

Community are invited to the Plainfield Public School System's 5th Annual District-Wide Science Fair on January 24, 1992 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Plainfield High School Cafeteria and Gymnasium.

All Students participating in the Science Fairs in their schools will receive a certificate of participation. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive winning certificates. 1st place winners displaying their projects and inventions at the 5th Annual Plainfield District-Wide Science Fair — Invention Convention will receive certificates of participation and ribbons.

The school system is currently waiting for communication from other K-6 Elementary Schools in Union County and the vicinity who wish to enter their first place winners (K-6) in the 1st Annual Union County Science Fair in April, 1992. Those schools interested should call Mr. Albert J. Musmanno, Coordinator of Science K-6, Plainfield Public School, at 908-753-3276 or 908-753-3172.



by Terry Benjamin

There's something rotten in the current state of rap music when rappers are given center-stage because of their explicit lyrics. These hip hoppers present a world view that is extremely violent, especially when it comes to the treatment of women. Some rappers present their nastiest thoughts and feelings under the guise of free speech and have found a willing audience in the tune of millions of records sold. Unfortunately clean cut rappers like D-Nice (Derrick Jones) are buying into this hard-core drama by allowing guest rappers muddy the waters of his rapping art form. On "Rhym'n' Skills," D-Nice shows "To The Rescue," his second LP on Jive Records.

This is not to say that D-Nice is an angel because on "Time to Flow" he gets down and dirty on the microphone when he raps: "Well, now I'm settin' things off with a wild style/To all you little bittin' MC's with the fleas/Well, here's a bow w/it takes more than Lassie to puss me/Where did you get your gas, Ge'e/figurin' you can outlast me." And although D-Nice comes on hard, his language stays within the boundaries of good taste. It is great rap-rap Treach from Naughty By Nature that goes over the edge. Fortunately, his tongue is so fast that most will miss much of what he says. But if you listen real close and carefully you will hear rhymes about women that are unflattering. This is not surprising coming from the craft that made the term "OPP" synonymous with promiscuity.

This special holiday is the rank profanity coming from the mouth of Too Short, a West Coast rapper that has built his reputation with explicit lyrics. On "Check Yourself," Too Short shares the mike with D-Nice as they talk about rap groupies, females out for their wealth. As D-Nice explains it: "Now I'm not tryin' to come down too hard/I ya need some money ya should go an' get a job/But this one does not go out to all women/Just those who try to kick game for a livin'/Cause I'm not the one to be played/Said I don't stop."

Wayman F. Smith III, corporate affairs vice president at Anheuser-Busch Companies, said the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" continues to play an important role for black higher education in America.

"Contributions from the Parade of Stars' television have made a difference for thousands of students attending UNCF schools," Smith said. "As enrollment continues to grow at these schools, resources to keep them viable will need to increase as well."

## Students on the move!

SOMERSET — The following is a list of area honor students from the first quarter at Rutgers Preparatory School:

Honor Roll — those with grade averages at B- or above:  
Grade 10, Joan Allen; Grade 8, Winona Parker; Grade 7, Aisha Griffith; Grade 5, Adam Green and Milina Parker. All are from Plainfield.

## Parade of Stars

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try across of "227" fame, will co-host the show for the first time; and the new President and Chief Executive Officer of UNCF, William H. Gray III, will lead the College Fund's call to American viewers for financial contributions.

Television host and Grammy award-winning singer, Lou Rawls, will lead the roster of entertainers, that is scheduled to include superstars Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, Melba Moore, John Forsythe, Chaka Kahn, Freddie Jackson, Roba McIntire, Kool Moe Dee, James Ingram, and Rossano and Faith Arnold.

Joining Rawls as co-hosts for this year's program from the Aquarius Theatre in Hollywood will be the legendary Nancy Wilson, the "Tonight Show's" Ed McMahon, and singer Marilyn McCoo. Veteran nightclub singer and late-night television host Clint Holmes will team up with Jackie to co-host the show from the Apollo.

The "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" reputation for diverse talents, ranging from entertainers in music, television, film, and sports, will continue. Viewers can expect to hear innovative sounds covering such musical genres as soul, pop, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, gospel and country.

Rawls, who initiated the holiday-season special with the support and backing of August Anheuser-Busch III, chairman and president of Anheuser-Busch Companies, said the "Parade of Stars" continues to be one of the most successful television fund-raisers in the nation.

"Public enthusiasm for the show continues to be at an all-time high," Rawls said, reflecting on public comments he has received while traveling across the country. "Fans are always eager to know who will be on the show and what they can expect to see."

Viewer loyalty to the program, Rawls added, has given the show its staying power. "Generous contributions are the keys to our success, and I am thankful to the public for its years of loyal support," Rawls says.

William H. Gray III, newly appointed president and chief executive officer of UNCF, said he is looking forward to working with Rawls and his entertainment friends on the television.

"Joining the Parade of Stars, which is one of the early highlights of my tenure at UNCF," Gray said, "The show's contribution to our fund-raising effort has been remarkable."

Proceeds from the seven-hour program help to provide educational opportunities at the 41 private, historically black colleges and universities the College Fund represents.

These schools have educated many outstanding citizens in our society, including novelists Alice Walker and Frank Yerby, film producer/director Spike Lee, Ambassador Andrew Young and Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

## ON THE R & B TIP

# D-NICE: Coming back hard

I saw these two honeys walkin' down the avenue

An' one of them said "All I think about is havin' you"

An' in my mind I realized I coulda took her, coulda took her

But Nice is not the one to treat the ladies like a hooker

25  
Ta Life  
D-Nice

to me when you wanna get paid."

The surprising thing, the sad thing, is D-Nice's artistic decision to use gangster style rappers to make this album hard. From his production of the "Stop the Violence" all star record and his own first LP "Call Me D-Nice," this is one rapper that seems to be contradicting himself. The good news is that the positive outweighs the negative on this latest effort.

All rappers are expected to attack their competition but on "Rhym'n' Skills," D-Nice shows that he can cut without profanity as he raps:

Cause I'm the one and some compare me to the drum  
The lyrics and bass combine will make your sound system hum  
To when I come you should bow down gracefully  
Cause even if you're protected you can't face the D.

On "Rhym'n' Skills," KRS-One is the musical guest, offering his contributions in a Rasta Man accent. It was KRS-One, the late Scott La Rock and D-Nice that formed Boogie Down Production (BDP), a rap crew out of the South Bronx that promoted positivity and true education through rap. This is another reason to look at D-Nice's gangster rap collaborations as a commercial move rather than a heartfelt desire. It is very hard to take the baby-faced D-Nice seriously as a pimp strutting gangster rapper. Perhaps he is just trying to be one of the

homeboys. But a better way to be "in there" is found on "And There U Have It," a duet with E Marvellous, a member of the Rescue Squad that includes McBoo, Tone, Robo-Cop, JBoss, and Lil Lowe. E Marvellous comes off strong on this track as he raps: Rippin' an' skippin' grab your mind in a free style  
Step to close an' you're bound to get burned, child  
Cause I been waitin' for this oh so very long  
An the Marvelous one is oh so strong.

Even though D-Nice starts the engaging "No, No, No" with some profanity, his rhymes flow like water once he gets into it: Take your negative vibes and go the other way  
Or get your negative kicked into another day  
Cause I'm about to get vexed  
To show that I can flex  
I got a positive rep so when I make a step  
Someone called me a thief I'm not, it don't matter much  
But don't talk about theirs cause on the whole

America is the greatest country ever stole.  
And even more positive side of D-Nice can be found on the romantic "Get In Touch With Me" where D-Nice raps: "Come in my house I'll lay you down on my couch/When it comes to my sensitive like Ralph I'm not

Father MC, Big Daddy or Cool J but I'll do for you and get the job done around the way."

Tracks like "808 Prelude," "Straight From The Bronx" and "To The Rescue" are some of the art rap showcasing D-Nice's excellent production skills. Because D-Nice does have so much talent it is disheartening to see him succumb to low level rap to make his point. In testimony to his true talent is the rap classic "25 Ta Life" with its laid back funk groove and live instrumentation, great work from Jean-Paul Beaulieu on guitars and Vincent Henry on sax. But the real pleasure is D-Nice's hip hop storytelling. "It was a hot summer day/I was dyin' from the heat," D-Nice raps. "Walkin' up 118th Street/Although I'm-hot like stew/in the back of mind it was a bottle of brew." And what begins as a nice walk ends in death as D-Nice is forced to defend himself against a gang of hoods. D-Nice fights but because he is outnumbered he brings a gun into play. D-Nice laments: "But since I pulled the trigger/I guess I got to pay the price/Pardon 25 ta life." This track is even more powerful when you realize that the late Scott La Rock was shot down in the streets coming to the rescue of D-Nice. It was Scott La Rock who discovered D-Nice when he was fifteen years old. D-Nice served as DJ for BDP before moving on to the historic "Stop the Violence" record and his own LP.

D-Nice continues to be a major player in the rap field. Although his lyrics are not as heavy or skillful as KRS-One's, D-Nice showcases his obvious skills to good advantage on "To The Rescue," proving that he doesn't need any gangster rapping to prove how hard he is. D-Nice is a solid talent on his own.



## Planned Parenthood offers teens free physical

NEWARK — As a special holiday service, Planned Parenthood of Essex County (PPEC) is offering a free physical examination to all Essex County teenagers.

This special holiday service is being offered through the end of December at the four PPEC service locations. They are:

Clubb Center, 151 Washington Street, Newark, 201-622-3900; Ironbound Center, 36 Ferry Street, Newark, 201-465-7707; Gale Center, 306 Central Avenue, East Orange, 201-674-4343; Monclair Center, 29 North Fullerton Avenue, Monclair, 201-746-7116.

A small fee will be charged for supplies and all services are strictly confidential. Planned Parenthood is a non-profit, reproductive health care agency providing gynecological, birth control, and other related health care services.

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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

**ENGLEWOOD** — The Lynette Hawkins Gospel Show will take place at the John Harms Theater. Promises soulful and spirited music for all ages. For more information call 201-567-3600.

**NEWARK** — The First Hopewell Baptist Church will host a prayer service for church renewal, unity, and empowerment from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 525 Orange Street. For more information call 201-481-6650.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1992

**RAHWAY** — On New Year's Day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the NAACP-Rahway Branch will sponsor the Fifth Annual "Jubilee Day Celebration." This historic occasion will be held at the Second Baptist Church, 378 E. Milton Ave., Rahway. Reverend Dr. Jerry M. Sanders, Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church, Summit, N.J., will be the guest speaker.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1992

**CALDWELL** — The Religious Studies Dept. at Caldwell College is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Jan. 5th thru the 13th. For info., call 201-228-4424, exts. 250 or 209.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

**NEWARK** — The Hopewell Baptist Church at 17 Muhammad Ali Avenue will present a Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., featuring the Mighty Clouds of Joy, the Soul Stirrers, Rapin, Steve Jubilee, and others. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 201-373-6187 or 201-373-5276.

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The concept of songs, praise, release, freedom, and emancipation

has been appropriated by blacks since the historical signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. The Rahway Branch is appealing everyone to come together for this demonstration of combined love, brotherhood, and solidarity.

Registration of the participating groups will begin at 9 a.m. The participants along with the Rahway Branch NAACP will include Sister

## AAWU hosts national summit on girls, education in February

Provocative data on minority girls included

WASHINGTON, DC — Twenty years after the passage of Title IX, a major national education summit on girls will be held by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation, which will release its challenging report on the status of girls in education. The nation's leading educational policymakers will address The AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls and will present strategies for immediate action to improve the status of girls in the schools.

The AAUW Educational Foundation will take place on February 12, 1992 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lee's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC.

The AAUW Report analyzes for the first time every major study on girls and learning, and girls in school. It finds that despite two decades of achievement under Title IX, gender bias still has a tremendous, negative impact on America's schoolgirls. Preliminary results also indicate that African American girls receive little encouragement at school and are, in fact, often ignored by their teachers.

The AAUW Report makes recommendations for immediate action to reverse the damage to girls, minorities, and the nation. The AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls was commissioned with a \$100,000 grant from the AAUW Educational Foundation as part of the AAUW Initiative for Educational Equity.

In January, 1991, AAUW released a national poll on girls' self-esteem and success in school. The poll of 3,000 girls and boys showed that girl's self-esteem plummeted at twice the rate of boys going into adolescence. An unexpected finding of the poll revealed that despite low academic self-esteem, African American females maintained a higher level of personal self-esteem than Whites or Hispanics. Fifty-eight percent of African American female high school sophomores had a positive self-image compared to 22 percent of Whites and 30 percent of Hispanics. Researchers credit African American girls' high self-esteem to their ability to dissociate themselves from school and to see the culture which emphasizes independence and assertiveness.

can, with prodding at the state level, offer to us the same self and attractive having it has so readily provided for working class whites.

Maybe next time, some Democratic chestnuts will have to remain in the fire.

## What's the deal with Jersey City's state-appointed administrators?

Dear Editor:

Several critical issues are facing the school children and residents of Jersey City — transportation problems, purchasing atrocities, overcrowded classes, lack of money, and severe abnormalities, irregularities, and illegalities in the hiring practices of the reorganized, "Kids First" Jersey City School District. This letter, one in a series, will focus on the hiring practices.

In the process of hiring so many additional administra-

tors/central office personnel, one would think that a positioning plan would have been developed to balance the ethnic distribution of administrative appointments. A realistic plan would be to establish a list (past practice) and when a position is available, the next person on the list would be selected for the position in the next available cluster. This list should have the very best candidates on it and it would not matter what cluster the person was from or applying to. Ethnicity/Race/Creed

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## TBS presents Trumpet of Conscious

ATLANTA (BUSINESS WIRE) — On Christmas Eve 1967 at the Auburn Avenue Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave a sermon about his hopes for peace in the world.

He spoke of the interdependence of all humanity, of the sacredness of life, of the power of love and of social change through nonviolence. On Wednesday, Dec. 25, TBS will air Trumpet of Conscience, a special tribute to Dr. King based upon this sermon.

The special has aired on TBS each year since its premier in 1986.

The special evokes the meaning of King's Christmas Eve sermon through a blend of gospel music and spirituals, film images of life from around the world and the words of Martin Luther King Jr. himself.

His sermon has special significance today as the world faces the dawning of a new world order as countries which were enemies during King's days now become friends. As he so eloquently stated 24 years ago, "Now the judgement of God is upon us, and we must either learn to live together as brothers, or we're all going to perish together as fools."

## PSE&G turns on the power

communications-nuclear: Abdul-Rahim Rasheed, office manager, customer service center; Diane Woods; director, human resources; electric business unit; Mary White, administrative communications staff assistant; Ulysses Rice, general manager, transmission systems department; John A. Griffith, public affairs manager-central; Shirley Ward, senior community affairs representative; Glenn Rogers, PSE&G general manager, corporate development; and John R. Smith, manager, community affairs.

Gil Noble, longtime black media advocate and host of

WABC TV's "Like it is," said in his remarks as guest speaker, "My appearance [is to] pinpoint the serious urban crisis that is building, and to encourage more attention and priorities in this direction."

John R. Smith, closed the groundbreaking event by saying, "Only with personal involvement

can we put the power back in the hands of the people — PSE&G volunteer programs are made possible by real people — PSE&G employees, and anyone else committed to the community, have the power to care, the power to share. And we also have the power to communicate and get involved."

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February 25	Black History (Future Leaders)	Feb. 18	Feb. 20

### MARCH — WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Issue	Topic	Space	Ad Copy
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March 18	Black Women's History Celebration	Mar. 10	Mar. 12
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## Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men

Peace on earth requires more than good wishes. It means reaching out to those who have lost hope that their lives will ever be better. That's why United Way was founded over 100 years ago and why it remains a vital source of hope for so many different people.

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City News—The Heartbeat of the City



# CITY LIFE

## Behind the Scenes

### BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

**NEW YORK CITY** - The Showstopping Players present "The People Who Could Fly" (theater for young people), Dec. 27-31. For info, call 212-664-9038.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

**NEW BRUNSWICK** - "Separation," Tom Karpman's unconventional love story makes it American debut Dec. 28 at the Georgia Street Playhouse, 8 Lavigne Ave. For more info, call 808-246-7469.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

**NEW BRUNSWICK** - State Theatre presents "New York City Opera National Company 8:00 p.m. The nation's premier touring company, New York City Opera National Company, returns with this all-time favorite Puccini classic. For more information, call 808-246-7469.

Take us to 

by Lisa Collins

**NEWARK** — You know her as "Vivian" — the mom on NBC's "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," but actress Janet Hubert-Whitten says she's nothing like the character she portrays. Fact is, she got into acting after being kicked off of everything that was left to be in, including the cheerleading squad. However, once enrolled in acting classes, she excelled — winning some state competitions and winding up with a scholarship to Juillard University. She eventually made her way to Broadway in the original company of shows like "Cats" and "Sophisticated Ladies." It was her stage work that drew the eye of

Hollywood producers. Ironically, she never wanted to audition for the role on "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air." "I thought it was just a total waste of my time. I knew I could do upscale, but people don't hire people who are dark-skinned like me to do upscale women. At least, Hollywood doesn't. They tell you they love you, and you don't hear from them again," Whitten states it with authority. It happened again and again and had come to be something she accepted. This time, however, it was Janet who was surprised. But Janet Hubert-Whitten has survived Hollywood's prejudice against darker-skinned actresses, she's now left to conquer her own fear. "Everytime I look at the television," she says, "I see children who've been on TV series for years, and it's almost like the kiss of death. This is the first major thing I've done. If I sit in this for 5 more years will I become one of those of whom people say, whatever happened to Janet Hubert-Whitten, that women from the Fresh Prince of Bel Air?" (Janet, you needn't worry. It took a long time for Hollywood to find you. They're not about to lose you).

**Heartthrobs:** Billy Dee Williams just wrapped production

on a starring role in "Giant Steps," a Canadian film that is set to debut at the Cannes Film Festival next May. Williams plays an enigmatic jazz musician. In the meantime, he's triumphing with his artwork, which is featured in galleries across the country. On January 19th, he's off to New Orleans for a gala showing of his artwork...Rap sex symbol, LL Cool J said he wouldn't accept any more film roles unless "they offer me a role that is going to be beneficial to me on how I am perceived publicly. I have to be able to keep my dignity." The rapper made his film debut early this year in "The Hard Way," starring James Woods and Michael J. Fox. When with a small role, he ranked third in popularity among the film's stars.

**Family Matters:** The Jamaican Supreme Court recently awarded rights to Bob Marley's record catalog to the singer's widow and children, ending a bitter battle between the family and MCA. The case landed in court as Marley died without a will. Thus far, his estate has been administered by trustees. Marley's widow Rita and children had teamed with Island Logic for an offer of \$11.5 million for the record catalog. Towering record

magnate, MCA offered \$15.2 million. The court rejected MCA's bid when it failed to guarantee the full amount of its offer. Island now says that plans are underway to release a 100-song collection of Marley material. Coinciding with the timing of the judgement was the birth of a second daughter to Bob's son Ziggy Marley. They named the baby girl, Justice, in honor of the verdict.

**Hollywood Swinging:**

Me'lissa Morgan celebrated her birthday as well as the release of her yet to be titled upcoming album (due February 14), with a small gathering of friends at Roxbury's on the Sunset Strip. Roxbury's is part-owned by Debbie Allen and her husband Norm Nixon, who were on hand along with actor Wesley Snipes, actress Vanessa Bell Calloway and a host of others. Meanwhile, Allen has once again been named choreographer of musical sequences for the upcoming 64th Annual Academy Awards...By the way, After much speculation, Branford Marsalis will take over Doc Severinsen's duties as bandleader on "The Tonight Show" when Jay Leno takes over for Johnny Carson in May...

### Crossroads receives a \$500,000 Challenge

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Crossroads Theater Company has received a \$500,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support its Associate Artists Program over the next four years.

Crossroads, the nation's largest professional, non-profit African American theater company, is one of 40 cultural organizations across the country, and the only one in New Jersey, selected from among hundreds of applicants to receive an NEA Challenge Grant. A total of \$13 million in grants was awarded.

The grants were announced earlier this week by NEA Chairman John Frohnmayer at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Crossroads' grant will support the ongoing Associate Artists Program, which provides nationally significant black theater artists with an honorarium and "artistic home" which they can use as a laboratory for their most creative ideas, particularly those that represent a departure from the discipline or genre with which they are normally associated.

Projects of the selected artists will be given significant support in the conception, commission, development, collaborative, workshop, and production phases. The program also will incorporate a series of forums designed to bring the artists together for creative think-tank sessions that are regional, national, and international in scope.

"Funds like these that support the creation of new work by extraordinary artists is of the utmost concern for Crossroads," said Riccardo Khan, producer and artistic director of Crossroads. "With this challenge, we will in turn challenge the public to go just a step further in support of that which is at the core of our mission and our existence."

Crossroads last received an NEA Challenge Grant of \$125,000 five years ago to start its first Capital Campaign.

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STUDIO 

## Richardson Gallery paralleling Newark's renaissance

by Freddie Robinson

**PATERSON** — If the image of the city of Newark is now ascendant, having recently been crowned one of the country's most livable cities, after more than twenty years of hastened decline economically and socially following the 1967 riots, seemingly a cultural renaissance as well is riding its coattails.

Besides the busy scheduling of public programs at two of Newark's major cultural institutions, Symphony Hall and Newark's Main Public Library, art galleries also are now part of its rebounding status. The most re-

cent gallery is the Richardson Gallery, located downtown on Halsey St. Some learning of the existence of Richardson Gallery and who were at a viewing reception recently held at The Priory expressed a mixture of surprise and pleasure, indeed, to know that an African art "find" located on the New Jersey-side of New York City was heard more than a few times.

But inside Richardson Gallery itself is a room-size exhibit space, welcoming and almost intimate, as it doesn't confront the viewer; it's like visiting some one who collects art.

On a recent visit there were a

wide selection of statues, Shona of South Africa and Makonde of East Africa, in addition to expressionistic motifs in oils, watercolors, and also wood etchings.

That many works by African and African American artists whose names apparently aren't widely recognizable, however, in no way, necessarily suggests a lack of power yet to be discovered, the gallery affirms.

Calling the art establishment his mission of love, Charles W. Richardson, founder and CEO, expresses a hope for his local gallery to become viable, expressly showcasing new Afrocentric talents.

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# CITY BUSINESS

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

**EAST ORANGE**—The NJ United Minority Business Brains Trust, Inc. will be having their Annual Holiday Party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Evonow Construction Company located at 67 Sanford Street. An MBE Recognition Program will take place at 7 p.m. Attendance must be confirmed by December 20. For more information call 908-246-3332.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1992

**SOUTH ORANGE**—"Business Outlook for 1992" featuring prominent journalists Leonard Silk and Allan Sloan at the W. Paul Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University. The one-day conference will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the bishop Daugherty Student Center on the South Orange campus. The conference is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. For registration information call 201-761-9218.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1991

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will host its Local Government Law Conference from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square. For more information call 908-245-5000 ext. 209 or 208.

Send your business calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

## Business Exchange...

# Blacks oppose Japan, Inc.

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Some segments of the African American community have forged, yet another, frontal attack against "those wonderful people who brought us Pearl Harbor." This time, it is the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) that is asking Black Americans to withhold their support of Japan-based Sony Corporation's products this Christmas.

Almost 50 years to the date that the Japanese bombed US bases at Pearl Harbor, James Winston, Executive Director and General Counsel of NABOB, has lobbied a volley of race-based blackbills at one of Japan's leading corporations. Sony is a multi-national company and major player in the communications industry that Winston is accusing of discriminatory practices and of reneging on a previous commitment to enhance positive interactions between it and the African American community. Winston is moving to lead a Christmas season assault on Sony on the consumer front and has asked his organization's black-owned member stations not to play Sony-generated records on the air, and for the black community not to support

Sony's products this Christmas.

For Winston to be successful in this consumer war, millions of Black Americans will have to join in his campaign of withdrawal from this segment of the marketplace. In order to put Sony in a state of siege, Winston will have to mobilize his campaign on many fronts across the country and even against many blacks in the entertainment industry. Sony has a major foothold in retail products, such as television, radio, video cassettes, and cameras. Also, they have control of much of the record and movie industries. Such stars of color as Michael Jackson and Luther Vandross are in Sony's CBS and Epic Records' stables. Tri-Star Pictures and Columbia Pictures are Sony's film subsidiaries. The question that is almost as big as Sony is, can Winston enlist enough blacks to resist their normal consumption actions, and completely say away from highly promoted seasonal movies such as "Hook" and "Bugsy"? And they have to be strong enough not to play, or buy, Michael's "Dangerous" album.

One of NABOB's major complaints against Sony is that black-owned and programmed stations were given late distribution of Michael Jackson's long-awaited Epic-label record. From a market

share and business receipts point of view, Winston contends that, "Copies of Jackson's new songs were made available to competing non-black owned and programmed radio stations in several markets 1 to 4 days before they were made available to the black stations in those markets." This put many NABOB-related stations at a distinct disadvantage in their businesses and markets. Winston also cites that overall black employment at Sony Music is down from when it was owned by CBS; the number of black VPs at that company has decreased

since it was acquired by Sony; and that Sony-controlled affiliates don't advertise on black-owned and formatted stations at a level commensurate with the amount of airplay their records get, or with the amount of Sony music products that are purchased by the listeners of these stations.

As Japanese government officials have expressed regret for the suffering caused by their activities in World War II, so have Japan's corporate executives often expressed contrition for the denigrating comments that have come from

that society about African Americans. The problem seems to be that it keeps happening in one form or another, again and again. Winston's call for consumer warfare against Sony in the marketplace is not the first of its kind, previous calls for black withdrawals to get Japan Incorporated's attention, via the pocketbook, have had only limited success. Only if Winston and NABOB can make blacks more educated about the effect their backs can have in leveraging respect and return in the marketplace can this tactical battle have any impact.

## Business Outlook for 1992

### Conference to examine state, national, global business

**SOUTH ORANGE**—Prominent journalists Leonard Silk and Allan Sloan will be the featured speakers at the second annual economic outlook conference at the W. Paul Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University on Wednesday, January 8, 1992.

Silk and Sloan will be joined by several other guest speakers touching on various business topics in-

cluding the United States' global economic strategy, the economic outlook for New Jersey, economic development in the urban enterprise zones, and the restructuring of banking.

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The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting public hearings in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning program development pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act. A hearing will be held in each geographic region in accordance with Section 5 of P.L. 1984 c.578. Each hearing will have an afternoon and evening session. The locations are in New Brunswick, Mays Landing and Newark, New Jersey in accordance with the statute.

The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds capital, operating and/or administrative expenses for locally coordinated paratransit services for senior citizens and disabled persons. The program also funds accessibility improvements to NJ TRANSIT's fixed route bus and rail system, the provision of technical assistance to the counties and the administration of the statewide program.

An interpreter for the deaf and hearing impaired persons will be available. If you need information about transportation to the hearing, please contact NJ TRANSIT's Office of Special Services at 201-971-7372.

The public is invited to these hearings at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, initial presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes. If you are unable to attend any of the hearings, written comments for the record may be sent to Mr. Albert R. Hasbrouck, III, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2248 by February 3, 1992. In accordance with the above statute, public hearings will be held as follows:

CENTRAL REGION:	PLACE:	New Jersey Law Center Auditorium One Constitution Square New Brunswick, New Jersey
	DATE:	January 27, 1992, Monday
	TIME:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	PLACE:	Mays Landing Public Library Meeting Room (Please use Library parking lot only) 2 South Farnag Avenue Mays Landing, New Jersey
SOUTHERN REGION:	DATE:	January 29, 1992, Wednesday
	TIME:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
NORTHERN REGION:	PLACE:	New Jersey Transit Corporation Board Room One Penn Plaza East Newark, New Jersey
	DATE:	February 3, 1992, Monday
	TIME:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

### ADVERTISEMENT

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will receive bids for "Drainage Improvement Construction" at Randolph Senior Citizens Housing, Randolph, New Jersey, and Rockaway Family Housing, Rockaway, New Jersey, at 3:00 p.m., January 9, 1992, at the office of the Housing Authority, 99 Ketch Road, Morristown, New Jersey, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in SEALED ENVELOPES, addressed to the Housing Authority and clearly marked on the outside with the project name and number. No bids will be received by mail, facsimile transmission or overnight delivery services. Bids received after the indicated opening time will be rejected and returned.

BIDS will be taken as a single unit price bid for work at all three locations. A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for all work as described in the specifications and shown on the drawings.

Copies of the Documents, including Drawings, Technical Specifications and Addenda may be obtained at the office of the RBA Group, Engineers, Architects & Planners, 1 Evergreen Place, P.O. Box 1927, Morristown, New Jersey 07962-1927, on Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., by depositing a check in the amount of \$50.00 with the Engineer for each set of Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening. (deposit will be returned for only one set of documents). Requests for the pricing of contract documents will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in duplicate.

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Within ten (10) days the successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

The Housing Authority of Morris County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening bid without consent of the Housing Authority of Morris County.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORRIS COUNTY  
By: Roberta Strater

## FOR LEGAL SERVICES

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS is hereby soliciting proposals for legal services for the development of 40 units of Public Housing. Proposals will be to render legal services which the Authority may require in the planning & development of this project.

Proposals must include submission of cost, outlining a fee structure for all services to be performed, and a statement of qualifications which should include the following experience:

1. Zoning, Planning and Environmental Law;
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All Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 1992 at the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 99 Ketch Road, Morristown, NJ. PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME.

Interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling (201) 540-0389 to obtain all bidding information.

Roberta L. Strater  
Executive Director

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting requests for proposals for fee accounting services. Proposals must be received by 1:00 p.m.

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Information package is available at the Housing Authority office, 160 Haled Street, East Orange, NJ, Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Closing date for accepting proposals is January 3, 1992.

Edward Zimicki  
Executive Director

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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Interested Architectural/Engineering firms should respond by 6:00 a.m. December 30, 1991 to Kenneth E. Nixon, Jr., Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, 100 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712.

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any and all formalities.

All proposals should be returned in a SEALED ENVELOPE properly marked on the outside: SCOPE OF SERVICES-PUBLIC HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM-EDUCATION COORDINATOR and addressed to JOSEPH A. MANFREDI, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, 688 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 and received no later than 4:30 p.m. on THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) requests that qualified firms/individuals submit sealed proposals for a Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Policy for a period of 3 years.

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## Newark unveils video patrol

NEWARK — A "state of the art" closed circuit television surveillance system called "Video Patrol" was recently unveiled by Mayor Sharpe James and City officials at the police kiosk located on the corner of Broad and Market Streets in Newark.

The \$101,791 pilot program uses fiber optic cables and six strategically placed closed circuit television cameras throughout the City's central business district. It allows 24 hour surveillance of a two square mile area from a single location — the police kiosk.

"We have heard the cry for a 'police officer on every corner,' said Mayor James said. "However, although we are unable to accommodate these requests, we can still monitor activity, enhance public safety, and respond appropriately. This system will save the City money on manpower costs and will help facilitate work in locating incidents."

According to Haynes Security, Inc., installers of the system, the black and white chip Panasonic cameras are enclosed and protected by environmental housings at all times, are equipped with 310mm zoom lenses, and have a turning radius of 360 degrees.

McKinley Howell, director of the Division of Economic Development stated that the system covers the downtown shopping region and was designed primarily to provide greater security for consumers and encourage them to return to the area.



Mayor Sharpe James and John D'Agostino, President of Haynes Security Inc., inspect the closed-circuit television system.

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"I think 'video patrol' is an idea whose time has come in an environment where cities are asked to provide more services with less resources," Howell said. "This project should demonstrate the role technology can play in this situation."

"Video Patrol," which was funded with block grants, has numerous advantages, said Police Director "William Celester. "These cameras will allow police officers to monitor Newark's central business district and also will help us monitor safety and traffic conditions."

Harold Lucas, Director of

Department of Development, stated that the new video cameras will enhance the security of businesses and shoppers alike. "They will also be important to helping us develop new downtown nightlife and encourage better use of Symphony Hall, the Newark Museum, and the Newark Public Library," Lucas said.

The video patrol concept was developed by Deputy Chief George Dickshield of the Newark Police Department in conjunction with Howell. "the utilization of this advanced technology will allow the police department to deploy our personnel where and when they are most needed and to respond to situation as they occur or develop," Dickshield said.

## El-Amin's residency at seat of Plainfield controversy

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — The question of a council member's residency became a topic of discussion at the Plainfield City Council's last public meeting of the year, on December 16.

Councilwoman Fabeemah El-Amin, who won the 1st and 4th ward seats this past November, ousting incumbent Earl Robinson, has been cast into a firestorm of assumptions and accusations recently due to questions surrounding a suspected from her Mariners Place residence to a new home in the East End of the City.

During the council campaign, Republican opponent Elliot Simmons and Robinson tried to accuse political momentum by suggesting that Mrs. El-Amin had deserted her constituency by her family's purchase of a home in an area of the City which she does not represent. Several media sources also picked up on this political tidbit adding to the questions.

At Monday's meeting, City Clerk Laddie Wyatt asked corporation counsel Rowland Clark if Mrs. El-Amin was eligible to vote on the evening's agenda due to the controversy. "We have heard nothing from Mrs. El-Amin, so unless someone brings a charge and there is a hearing and then a decision, she will remain the 4th ward councilwoman," Clark said. Seeking to clear up all of the negative press that has been batted about over the past few weeks, Siddeeq El-Amin, the councilwoman's spouse read a prepared statement during the privilege of the floor session of the meeting.

"Since announcing her candidacy for the first and fourth ward council seats on April 8, 1991 Councilwoman Al-Amin has been targeted for newspaper blackout, character, and credibility assassination. There are those who smile to her face and plot behind her back at the same moment...one legislator said, 'That's the way the game is played,' that may be the way he plays in politics, but that doesn't make it morally and ethically correct. This has extended beyond politics, into our family business, and that affects me."

He ended his statement by saying, "I challenge you (accusers) to bring one piece of proof to back up your allegations of impropriety by the Honorable Councilwoman Fabeemah El-Amin. Bring a concrete, bona fide, documented, verifiable, signed piece of proof that the Fourth Ward Councilwoman has 'abandoned, left, moved or vacated' her ward. We will honor the truth; and we will fight against your lie."

Mrs. El-Amin will be sworn in on January 1st to her new seat.

## Plainfield Council's emergency resolution saves day care

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Upon hearing from a spokesman who represented a group of 30 or more parents and supporters of the City's Bilingual Day Care Center, the City Council, along with the head of Public Works decided to take some action against the state's plans to close the center due to building safety violations.

Yvonne Martinez read from a prepared statement at the December 16 Council meeting asking for the Council's help, to get the center repaired before it is scheduled to be closed on January 16.

The center which serves 72 families, is currently operating under a temporary license and is in need of some major repairs, according to Public Works Director David Ervin. When asked

why the building hadn't been repaired before this point, Ervin informed councilmembers that the building was purchased at a reduced rate because of its condition and that the administration had asked the state to delay the shut down until the repair funds could be released.

During a Planning Board meeting on Dec. 12, \$210,000 was approved in capital improvement funds to at least start the repairs.

The Council decided that since it would be a while before the funds would be released, they would create an emergency resolution with Ervin's help which would let Trenton know, they would like the center to remain open and that funding was on the way, as the center was a necessity for the community it serves.

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### Letter to the editor

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should not be a major factor. Black children do not need to see only Black administrators/teachers in their schools, for example. White children do not need to see only white administrators/teachers in their schools. What message are we sending to our children - that only blacks can service blacks and only whites can service whites. We would think that there should be some sort of balance in all schools. Is this the multicultural administration or is it only in words and publicity, not in real practice...

Another aspect to consider is that so many high school administrators/personnel were moved to elementary school administrative positions and elementary school administrators/personnel were moved to high school administrative positions. How are these

people considered the best candidates — certainly lacking experience in the particular area? How can they be effective? These people are specialists in only one division — high school or elementary school. One needs to get an accurate account of the kind of experience each newly appointed administrator/central office staff never possesses. Some have never stepped foot into an elementary/high school before in their careers now they are administering the same. We are seriously tired of the "earn and learn" mentality permeating this district. The current personnel hired for elementary/secondary principalships/assistant/vice-principalships lack the needed experience and therefore we feel the district is moving backwards at an alarming rate.

Also, the interviewing prac-

tices are abominable. The interviewing team is selected by the Associate Superintendent usually "stacking the deck" with people who are afraid to challenge the authority of said person, as well as parents who they hand pick usually having no knowledge of involvement in the schools they are supposedly representing. Never is there a person who has had prior/current administrative experience on these teams. How come the affirmative action office is not part of the interviewing process

We are aware of the fact that this current State Appointed Administration's focus on parent involvement but, we question whether it is actually involvement or appeasement. Parents must definitely should have a say in determining who will guide/work

with their children. Educators need to guide/assist parents not challenge them or coerce them into selecting one candidate over another. We have seen parents earnestly trying to assist in improving this system for their chil-

dren and if their enthusiasm or concern is not in line with the thinking of the administration they are harassed, removed from, or blatantly asked to leave the school premises.

Hopefully, this letter will shed

some light on some of the intolerable practices by our current school administration.

Signed:

Educational Watch-Dogs,  
Jersey City

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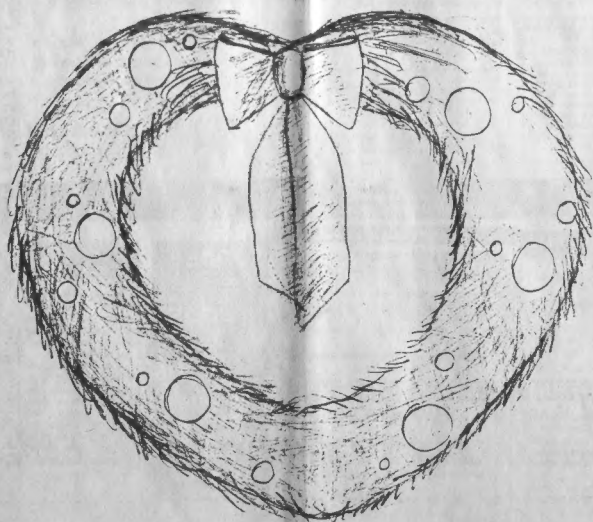
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